



**Minutes of the General Board Meeting of Area E Disaster Management
Joint Powers Agreement
February 17, 2016 – NORWALK ARTS & SPORTS COMPLEX**

The General Board Meeting of the Area E Disaster Board was called to order at 8:36 am by Area E DMAC, Cullen Armet.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bellflower – Joel Hockman
Carson – Anita Kincherlow, Ky Truong
Cerritos – Emely Merina
Commerce – Robert Taylor
Compton – Stacy Barnes
Downey – Andrew Stevens
Hawaiian Gardens – Juana Hernandez
La Habra Heights – Ron Myers
La Mirada – Andrew Vialpando
Lakewood – Nancy Hitt
Lynwood – Peter Han
Norwalk – Josh Yordt, Kathy Tai
Pico Rivera – Hector Hernandez
Paramount – Carlos Mendoza
Santa Fe Springs – Darryl Pedigo
South Gate – Sheri Koomen, Sara Meza
Vernon – Yesenia Barajas, Todd Paintoa
Whittier – Yolanda Martinez
Area E – Cullen Armet, Jennifer Cerda

MEMBERS ABSENT

Artesia – Taveon Harlston
Bell – Lance Ferrari
Bell Gardens – Nicholas Razo
Cudahy – Roger Mason
Huntington Park – Elsa Cobian
Maywood – Carlos Fernandez
Montebello – Kurt Johnson

Also Present:

ARC – Chris Campbell-Jay
Compton USDPD – Jesse Reyes
LHH- Fire Watch- Norm Zezula
LA Co. OEM – Ashu Palta
MSH – Andrew Marques

ROLL CALL-

Roll call was taken and self-introductions were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

City of Bellflower – Hired a new Public Safety Supervisor, Brian McNerney.

City of Cerritos – Will be working with LA County Fire for a mass casualty exercise on February 25. Will conduct an amateur radio (HAM) tech class March 19 and March 20.

City of Cudahy – Will conduct first city-wide table top exercise (TTX). Date to be determined.

City of Downey – Is currently completing Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). Will host a town hall meeting to review the plan. Will conduct a basic Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training at the end of March.

City of La Habra Heights – Have installed GoPro cameras to city vehicles that will conduct initial damage assessment following disaster.

City of Lakewood – Welcomed 28 new CERT graduates. Will conduct a Survivor 7 class later this evening.

City of Paramount - Recently added a trauma bag in Public Safety lobby, in case of emergency.

American Red Cross – Have responded to fire calls in the cities of Compton, Lynwood, and Long Beach.

Metropolitan State Hospital (MSH) – Is celebrating their 100 year anniversary. A museum of the hospital is up and running and welcomes visitors.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2016

Member Ashu Palta moved and Member Emely Merina seconded that the minutes of January 20, 2016 be approved.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Bellflower, Carson, Cerritos, Commerce, Compton, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Habra Heights, La Mirada, Lakewood, Lynwood, Norwalk, Paramount, Santa Fe Springs, South Gate, and Whittier.

NOES:

ABSENT: Artesia, Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Maywood and Montebello.

ABSTAIN: Pico Rivera and Vernon.

COMMUNICATIONS

2. AREA E EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Chairman's Report – Chairman Andrew Vialpando

Chairman Andrew Vialpando reported that the Executive Committee will discuss proposed changes to the meeting schedule of Area E General Board meetings. A copy of the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) can be provided to any Board member who would like to receive a copy.

Area E Regional CERT Report – Member Andrew Stevens

Member Andrew Stevens announced that the March 24, CERT refresher training will be hosted in the City of Cerritos.

Area E Fire Chiefs – Vice Chairman Stacy Barnes

No report.

Southeast Police Chiefs – Member Sheri Koomen

No report.

Red Cross Service Delivery Committee – Chairman Andrew Vialpando

Chairman Vialpando referred the American Red Cross Service Delivery Committee Meeting report to American Red Cross (ARC) partner Chris Campbell-Jay. Chris reported that the ARC will conduct two shelter management trainings in the City of Lynwood. Chris also reported that shelter management training can be found online.

3. OPERATIONAL AREA INFORMATIONAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2016

Area E DMAC, Cullen Armet reviewed the Operational Area Report and discussed its contents.

Member Ashu Palta reminded cities to log into the Operational Area Response and Recovery System (OARRS) on a regular basis to practice prior to a large event.

Chairman Andrew Vialpando suggested Disaster Management Area Coordinator (DMAC) conduct quarterly OARRS training. Member Ashu Palta also reminded the Board to let the DMAC know of any plans cities currently have in place regarding the incoming El Nino weather system and its effect to the homeless population.

Member Sheri Koomen moved and Member Darryl Pedigo seconded to receive and file the February Operational Area Informational Report.

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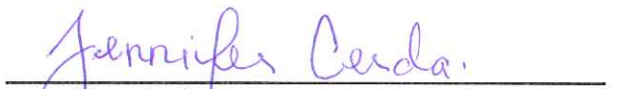
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the general board, Member Andrew Stevens moved and Member Stacy Barnes seconded that the January meeting of the Area E Joint Powers Agreement be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 am.

ATTEST:



Andrew Vialpando, Chairman



Jennifer Cerda, Area E Administrative Manager

APPROVED:

March 16, 2016